

SITUATION REPORT NO 5
INCIDENT NO. 96-01
DATE: March 19, 1996 TIME: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on March 18, 1996 was 1435.2 feet M.S.L.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS:

The National Weather Service issued an updated narrative flood potential outlook on March 1, 1996. There was no change for the Devils Lake area from the February 16, 1996 outlook. Reported snow depth in the Devils Lake Basin averages 6" with up to 14" in Towner and Nelson Counties. Moisture content ranges from 1.5" to 3.5" with up to 4.5" in Nelson County.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: FEMA assistance for pre-disaster mitigation actions is being explored.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The next State Flood Coordination Center Meeting will be held Thursday, March 14,

1996 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramsey County Courthouse basement meeting room. State Flood Coordination Center Meetings are scheduled every two weeks.

In the Red River of the North river basin, snow depths are highest in northwest Minnesota in the Red Lake River, Snake, and Wild Rice River basins and in northeast North Dakota in the Pembina River basin. Snow cover of 12" is reported with several reports up to 24" . Water equivalents in these areas are from three to five". Near the Sheyenne River, snow depths of 9"-17" are reported with a water content of 1.5" to 3.0". Snow depths of 5" to 9" are reported in southeast North Dakota and West Central Minnesota with water equivalents of 1" to 2". Warm temperatures in February consolidated the snow cover but had no effect on the water content. Water content is approximately 200% of normal in the Red River of the North basin.

Job Service ND issued the final Disaster Unemployment Assistance report for FEMA-1050-DR-ND on March 3, 1996. Four thousand, five hundred three claims have been processed with 4,070 claims approved. Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefits paid out as a result of FEMA-1050-DR-ND totaled \$3,267,321.

Signed _____
Douglas C. Friez, State Director